



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

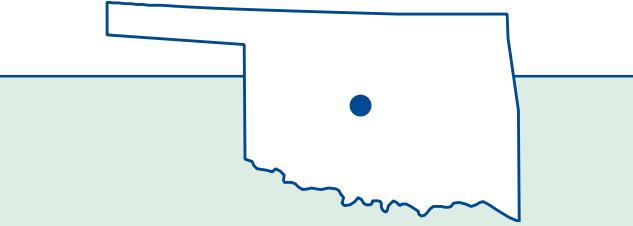
Oklahoma City, OK

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Oklahoma City was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant and a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Located in central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City (population 537,734) is a federally designated Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community. The city's brownfields efforts will be targeted on the 19-square-mile Empowerment Zone, which includes more than 100 of the city's 1,500 possible brownfields. Within the Empowerment Zone, three neighborhoods have been a focus of the city's brownfields program: the Eastside Reinvestment Area, the Core to Shore Planning Area, and an eight-mile stretch of the Oklahoma River. The history of the target communities includes oil and gas exploration, scrap metal facilities, and chemical companies. Contamination from these activities has made much of the



Assessment Grant

New
2008

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Oklahoma City for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct about nine Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments in the city's Empowerment Zone. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

Revolving Loan Fund Grant

New
2008

\$2,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Oklahoma City for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the City of Oklahoma City will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances. Grant funds also will be used to conduct cleanup planning and oversight and support community outreach activities. Coalition partners include Oklahoma County and the Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative

groundwater unusable. In the target area, 40 percent of residents live in poverty, 61.2 percent are minorities, and 12 percent are unemployed. Assessment of brownfields is expected to create incentives for redevelopment and leverage additional investment in the city's Empowerment Zone. When brownfields in the Empowerment Zone are cleaned up through the RLF grant, the city plans to focus on residential, commercial, and mixed-use redevelopment in the urban core. Other plans include a park, downtown boulevard, and greenweb of open space in the Core to Shore area.

agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.